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MEXICO CITY FOR REGIONAL FISHERIES ATTACHE

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SUBJECT: SITREP SEIZURE OF US SHRIMP VESSELS YOUNG'S AND TINA MARIE

REF: BELEM 0026

CONSUL VISITED CAPTURED SHRIMP BOATS TODAY. BOTH CAPTAINS INFORMED  
CONSUL THAT THEY WERE NOT AWARE SHRIMP NOT PERMITTED BY FOREIGN  
VESSELS IN CERTAIN AREAS. THEY BOTH INTERPRETED NEW U.S.-BRAZIL SHRIMP  
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AGREEMENT TO MEAN THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SHRIMP ANYWHERE IN BRA-  
ZILIAN WATERS. CONSUL DISNCLINED TO BELIEVE CAPTAIN'S CLAIMS OF IGNO-  
RANCE.

2. BRAZILIAN NAVAL SOURCES HERE EXPECT BRASILIA TO PROCESS CASE IN  
ROUTINE MANNER AND NOW EXPECT ORDER FOR RELEASE BY FRIDAY DESPITE  
HOLIDAYS ON MARCH 27 AND 28.

3. TINA MARIE HAS 1.3 TONS SHRIMP ABOARD AND YOUNG'S HAS 550 KILOS  
SHRIMP ABOARD. BOTH VESSELS HAVE SUFFICIENT ICE TO KEEP SHRIMP  
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FROM SPOILING UNTIL SUNDAY MARCH 30.

4. YOUNG'S ENGINE WHICH WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY AT TIME OF CAPTURE HAS NOW BEEN REPAIRED.

5. SHRIMP BOAT "BARBADOS 4" OF BARBADOS (NOT US SHRIMP VESSEL) WAS CAPTURED JUST PRIOR TO APPREHENSION OF US VESSELS. "BARBADOS 4" WAS DETAINED FOR USING PERMIT ISSUED TO ANOTHER VESSEL TO SHRIMP IN BRAZILIAN WATERS.

6. NAVY OFFICIALS DELIVERED TO CONSUL FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS CONCERNING CAPTURE ON SHRIMP VESSELS:

A. REPORT ON THE APPREHENSION OF THE SHRIMP BOATS YOUNG'S AND TINA MARIE.

B. TERMS OF INSPECTION AND APPREHENSION.

C. TERMS OF REQUEST FOR A TOW.

COPIES BEING POUCHED TO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA. ROUGH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS.

7. BEGIN TEXT. MINISTRY OF THE NAVY FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT COMMAND. REPORT OF THE APPREHENSION OF THE FISHING VESSELS "YOUNG'S" AND "TINA MARIE".

1. THE CORVETA IGUATEMI AFTER RELINQUISHING ESCORT OF THE FISHING BOAT "BARBADOS 4" TO THE CORVETA "MEARIM" ON MARCH TWENTY AT 21:40 PM (LOCAL TIME ZULU MINUS THREE) OFF THE ESPADARTE BANKS, PROCEEDED TO COORDINATE 01 DEGREES, 54 MINUTES S BY 043 DEGREES, 30 MINUTES W, WITH THE MISSION OF FINDING AND CAPTURING THE AMERICAN FISHING BOATS "YOUNG'S" AND "TINA MARIE" THAT ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED BY THE FIRST COMMAND OF THE FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT WOULD BE FOUND FISHING IN THAT REGION WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION.

2. THE SHIP REACHED ITS STATION ON MARCH 22 AT 02:00 AM AND BEGAN A SEARCH IN THE DIRECTION OF 02 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES S BY 042 DEGREES, 00 MINUTES HAVING BEEN INFORMED BY THE COMMAND OF THE FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT THAT THIS NEW POSSIBLE POSITION OF THE FISHING BOATS BEING SOUGHT WAS BASED ON MORE UP TO DATE INFORMATION.

3. ON MARCH 22 AT 07:00 AM AT 02 DEGREES, 05 MINUTES S BY 042 DEGREES 05 MINUTES W CONTACT WAS MADE WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF ANCHORED FISHING BOATS. APPROACHING, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE BRAZILIAN BOATS AMONG THEM ALL BELONGED TO THE COMPANY COMFRIO.

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4. WHEN THE CORVETA DREW NEAR THE FISHING BOATS IT VERIFIED THAT THERE WAS A LARGE QUANTITY OF SHRIMP ON THE DECK SUGGESTING RECENT FISHING. A VISIT AND INSPECTION GROUP WAS THEREFORE FORMED, COMMANDED BY THE SECOND OFFICE IN COMMAND OF THE SHIP, LIEUTENANT (NAVY RANK) AUGUSTO DE OLIVEIRA WHO DIRECTED THE LAUNCH OF THE CORVETA TOWARD THE FISHING BOATS.

5. THE RESULT OF THE INSPECTION WAS THE VERIFICATION THAT FISHING HAD TAKEN PLACE, AND SO THE COMMAND CAUSED TO BE WRITTEN THE BOATS, AND STARTED TO ESCORT THEM TO BELEM.

6. BECAUSE OF TROUBLE WITH THE ENGINE OF THE FISHING BOAT "YOUNG'S" WHICH RESTRICTED IT TO THE SPEED OF FIVE NAUTICAL MILES PER HOUR, THE CAPTAIN OF THE FISHING BOAT "YOUNG'S" SIGNED A REQUEST FOR A TOW. THE COMMAND OF THE CORVETA REQUESTED THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVAL GROUP OF THE NORTH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMAND OF THE FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TOW THE FISHING BOAT, AND THE AUTHORIZATION WAS RECEIVED.

7. AT 18:00 PM THE TOW LINE WAS IN PLACE AND THE CORVETA BEGAN TO TOW THE FISHING BOAT AT 200 REVOLUTIONS IN BOTH ENGINES AND AT A SPEED OF 10 NAUTICAL MILES PER HOUR LETTING THE OTHER CAPTURED FISHING BOAT "TINA MARIE" FOLLOW IN THE WAKE OF THE BOAT BEING TOWED.

8. AT 07:00 AM ON THE 24TH OF MARCH, AFTER DROPPING THE TOW LINE THE CORVETA DOCKED AT THE PIER OF VAL-DE-CANS NAVAL BASE AND TURNED OVER THE FISHING BOATS "YOUNG'S" UB-074 AND "TINA MARIE" UB-108 WITH ALL THE DOCUMENTS AND TERMS OF APPREHENSION TO THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT.

9. DURING THE VOYAGE PERFECT COMMUNICATIONS WERE MAINTAINED WITH THE FISHING BOAT "TINA MARIE" AT 2182 KHZ, AM, BECAUSE THE BOAT DID NOT HAVE SSB. COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE "YOUNG'S" WERE MAINTAINED BY WALKIE TALKIE BECAUSE THE RADIO EQUIPMENT OF THAT BOAT WAS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY .

10. THE BOATS WERE CREWED EXCLUSIVELY BY BRAZILIAN CITIZENS AND THE CAPTAINS WERE COMPLETELY IGNORANT WITH RESPECT TO THE AREAS WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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FISHING BY FOREIGN BOATS WAS PROHIBITED.  
THE FOLLOWING ARE THE CREWS OF THE BOATS.  
TINA MARIE:

ANTONIO GURJAO PANTALEAO (CAPTAIN)  
ANTONIO RODRIGUES DE OLIVEIRA  
RAIMUNDO GOMES RIBEIRO  
DUVANIL FERREIRA DOS SANTOS

YOUNG'S:  
JURANDIR MEDEIROS DA SILVA (CAPTAIN)  
FRANCISCO LIMA DOS SANTOS  
OSVALDO LIMA DE BRITO  
WILSON OLIVEIRA DIAS

THE LAST TWO NAMES CREWMEN HAD NO DOCUMENTS OF IDENTIFICATION

11. THE BOAT "TINA MARIE" HAD ABOUT 1.3 TONS OF SHRIMP AND  
"YOUNG'S" ABOUT 550 KILOS OF SHRIMP.

12. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BOATS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

DISPLACEMENT 95 TONS

CARGO CAPACITY FOR FISH 30 TONS

LENGTH 78 FEET

SPEED TEN NAUTICAL MILES PER HOUR

STEEL HULL

RADIO OPERATED AS A RADIO TELEPHONE (AM) ON VARIOUS FREQUENCIES.

(SIGNED)

ROBERTO DE OLIVEIRA COIMBRA, COMMANDER

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8. ROUGH TRANSLATION OF OTHER DOCUMENTS WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY.

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